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A member of Delaware #376 presents \$100 to a local resident during the holidays. Delaware members waited near the layaway section in several area stores to surprise shoppers picking up items with the money to put toward their balance.

Delaware Eagles Surprise Area Residents With Christmas Cash

The scene repeated itself over and over again. An unsuspecting customer approached the layaway area, eager to pay the remainder of their balance and transport their items home in preparation for the upcoming holiday. What followed came completely by surprise.

Throughout Delaware County, Ohio, members of Fraternal Order of Eagles #376 lingered inside department stores with \$100 in tow, eager to bring unexpected joy to those who needed it most.

The recent "Secret Santa" phenomenon had sparked an idea within Trustee Lee Price and soon a new Delaware Eagles Christmas

tradition was born.

"Lee had heard about these people helping pay down layaways and thought we should do something to give back," Delaware member Thad Jordan said. "We got the project approved and it really took off from there."

Starting in February, the Eagles held weekly 50/50 raffles organized by Auxiliary officer Linda Ward, with the Eagles' portion being set aside for a special Christmas project. By December, \$7,000 had been raised.

\$2,000 was split between local organizations, with the remaining \$5,000 dispersed in \$100 increments to

FROM THE ARCHIVES: JANUARY 1975

**Milwaukee REAC Workers Know
How To Keep Busy, Be of Service**

NOT TOO OLD TO HELP OTHERS

By John Ciekurzis

Milwaukee, Wis., Aerie's Retired Eagles Activities Club is proving once again that there's more to REAC activities than having fun, and residents of the city's nursing homes know it more than anyone.

The club has undertaken a very helpful project of providing lap robes, wheel chair bags and knit slippers for senior citizens residing in nursing homes in the city. It proves what experts on geriatrics have always maintained - that the way to stay young is to keep useful.

Thus far, the Milwaukee REAC has made about 200 lap robes, another 200 pairs of knit slippers to keep the elderly feet warm, and several hundred bags which patients attach to wheel chairs. These hold necessary personal articles and keep them within easy reach.

In addition to all of this, more than 1,500 candy-filled cups have been assembled, and these, too, will be given to nursing home residents.

The distribution will be made through the facilities of HELP (Happiness for Elderly Lonely People), an agency headed by Father Gene Jakubek, a dynamic Roman Catholic priest.

"It's wonderful to see what our people have done, and are continuing to do," asserts Victor Leben, president of Milwaukee REAC and one of its founders. "We've had over 40 workers, men and women, all busily sewing material together, and our production is becoming more efficient all the time."

It's an interesting sight to watch the project in operation. REAC workers are busy at sewing machines, and at ironing

boards, while others, scissors snipping away, cut the pieces of cloth to proper size.

All of the basic materials were acquired free, either by donation of REAC members themselves, or from collection projects they undertook. For example, a large knitting mill provided \$400 worth of yarn used in producing the slippers.

"Our men and women have a great time doing this work," says Leben. "It makes them realize that calendar years mean nothing, that they can provide helpful services at any age for those less fortunate than they themselves."

A look at the project in operation proves the truth of Leben's words. It is easy to see how the senior Eagles in Milwaukee derive immense satisfaction from their work, and the efficiency of the operation keeps on improving with each passing day.

The sight of a man at an ironing board might appear to be somewhat incongruous, but there seems nothing strange to see men busily ironing away as part of the REAC program.

"It's fun to do it," says Ella Langer, 83, who's personally turned out about 25 lap robes. "I know it's going to bring comfort to many people in nursing homes, so it's a labor of love."

And Bob Keeling, who has handled a lot of diversified jobs in the project, adds: "I'm retired, with a lot of time on my hands. I can't think of a better way to spend it."

Yes, REACs were organized to provide fun and entertainment for senior Eagles. At Milwaukee, they're demonstrating that this thesis works both ways.

Maybe it's not a man's work, but Bob Keeling does a great ironing job, and what's more, he enjoys doing it.



A group of REAC workers got cloth and other materials ready for the seamstresses to fashion into useful and warm lap robes for nursing home patients.



Top Producers/ New Leaders

for December 2013

Aerie:

1. #2223 North Canton, OH 46
2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 35
3. #761 Coshocton, OH 34
4. #3153 New Port Richey, FL 30
5. #4208 Hudson, FL 29

Auxiliary:

1. #2012 St. Maries, ID 27
 2. #4285 Portsmouth, OH 23
 3. #4528 Ocean View, DE 21
 4. #1406 Hanover, PA 19
 5. #741 Columbus, IN 18
- #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 18

Aerie (Individual):

1. Michael A. Jordan 27
Plymouth, PA #546
 2. Jimi H. Green 19
Leetonia, OH #1496
 3. James Henley 18
Flat Rock, MI #3732
 4. Donald F. Ryniker 14
Gresham, OR #2151
 5. Edward D. Dodson 13
Paducah, KY #3686
- Robert E. Wright 13
Newark, OH #3723

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Lynne K. Linnemeyer 12
St. Maries, ID #2012
2. Jodi L. Harpole 10
St. Maries, ID #2012
- Kathy Johnson 10
Columbus, IN #741
4. Debbie L. Davis 8
Wellington, OH #2051
5. Barbara A. Hoyt 6
Garden City, KS #3124
- Phyllis Ryder 6
Cape Coral, FL #3957
- Shauna R. Johnson 6
Columbus, IN #741



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We Are People Helping People

Alabama

-Grand Worthy President David Tice visited Pratt City #972 to share lunch with members. During the visit, he was presented with a check for \$2,000 by Worthy President Jon Covington to benefit his charity, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.

Arizona

-Santa arrived early at Lake Havasu City #4299 to deliver gifts to the children at the Aerie family Christmas party. Mr. & Mrs. Claus (Ted & Carolyn Newman) were assisted by a great pair of elves (Coleen McGillicuddy and Dorothy Chandler).

Florida

-Suncoast #3153 held its 55th Anniversary event, during which a check for \$3,050 was presented to Gulfside Regional Hospice in memory of six-time Past President Isabelle Wilson. A grant for \$5,000 was also presented to Gulfside. New Port Richey Mayor Bob Consalvo attended the event, presenting a proclamation to the Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents honoring the hard work done by the Eagles to benefit the community. An additional \$23,900 in grants were provided to various local organizations.

Iowa

-Centerville #2675 held a food drive in during Nov. & Dec. to benefit local food banks, raising 1,760 pounds of food for area families in need.

Maryland

-At their 15th Annual NASCAR Party, Frederick #1067 raised \$1,250 for Hospice of Frederick County.

Michigan

-A Hoedown for Diabetes event held by Clarkston #3373 generated \$1,609 in funds to benefit the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center to assist developmentally disabled individuals battling diabetes.

Minnesota

-The City of Dundee was recently presented with a \$2,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund through Worthington Eagles #3282 to update and replace park equipment. The check was recently presented to Dundee Mayor Wayne Paplow by Minnesota State Eagles President Neil Rothbarth.

Missouri

-Members of Cape Girardeau #3775 continued their annual Christmas Basket tradition, putting together 258 baskets for 129 families, including food and goods as well as a toy for each child.

Nebraska

-The Ladies of Elkhorn #3943 were busy giving back to the community during the winter months. In November, members donated yarn, knit hats and delivered them to the homeless at Lydia House. In December, they carried on their five-year tradition of hosting a holiday dinner

British Columbia



During the recent community Light-Up Parade, the Eagles of Ladysmith #2101 built a float and brought out the Vancouver Island Disaster Relief Trailer to ride through town. In recent years, Ladysmith has grown from a town of 8,000 to over 20,000. Eagles who assisted with the parade also put on a spaghetti dinner for more than 600 guests.

for community members in need. 370 meals were served, with 140 delivered to homebound citizens. Leftover prepared items were donated to the Crisis Center to help those in need.

Ohio

-Representatives from Columbus Linden #2252 attended the Annual Clothe-A-Child Charity Newsies Gala and Auction at the Hilton in Downtown Columbus. The Linden Aerie was successful in purchasing the number two (2) paper with a bid of \$32,500. Linden regularly supports the Charity Newsies. In addition, they also presented checks for \$31,250 to Nationwide Children's Hospital and \$15,902.28 to the Ohio State Eagles Charity Fund.

Pennsylvania

-Bradford #2432 ended 2013 by handing out \$77,500 in donations. Eight local youth sports organizations received donations as well as 10 fire departments, three police departments and 14 local non-profit organizations. They also presented money for the City of Bradford Public Works Department to purchase new skates for the Callahan Park ice rink and to host an open skating day at the rink. The group estimates to have given out \$127,000 in donations in 2013.

Tennessee

-Scenic City #945 hosted its 3rd Annual Christmas Party for RHA Health Services, an organization providing supportive living for the physically and mentally challenged. Eagles provided food for the event with the Eagles Countrymen Band providing live music.

Virginia

-Elliott's Knob #680 donated approximately \$60,000 to various charities on the local and international level in 2013. In addition, the

Aerie donated 285 trophies to local programs including the Special Olympics, Wounded Warriors, the County Fair, Kids' Trout Fishing Competition and more.

Washington

-Whidbey Island #3418 presented \$22,000 in donations to various non-profit organizations, including \$5,000 to Meals on Wheels; \$3,000 to the Good Cheer Food Bank; \$2,000 to Enzo House; \$1,500 to Whidbey Island Nourishes; \$1,500 to Hearts and Hammers; \$1,300 to Readiness to Learn Foundation; \$1,000 to M-Bar-C Ranch and \$500 to Whidbey Island Dance Theater.

Wisconsin

-Madison #623 held a steak-and-lobster fundraiser in December for Badger Honor Flight, raising \$6,124.25 to help fly veterans to Washington, D.C. Worthy President Len Monday and his daughter, Madam President Dawn Gehrett, presented the check to Badger Honor Flight. Len, a Korean War Veteran, flew to D.C. with Honor Flight in May 2013.

Alberta/ Saskatchewan

-The Queen City Eagle Riders held a raffle for Wascana Rehabilitation Center to win a candy apple red 1968 Cadillac Eldorado, donated by Past Worthy President and Eagle Riders member Randy Schutz. On New Year's Eve, the drawing was held and Lorri Kudelis emerged with the winning ticket. More than \$7,500 was raised.

British Columbia

-At Nelson #22, a group of 20-25 dedicated members was able to raise \$19,000 for local organizations and individuals in need during the previous year. They recently held their annual event to present donations to local organizations.

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individuals in need of assistance.

“Veteran’s Services identified several individuals for us who were in need of some help,” Jordan said, “so we went to visit them at home and present them with the donations. You get such a mix of emotions. It’s a powerful thing to be a part of.”

The reactions were much the same inside various area stores. Some cried, others hugged, and all thanked the Eagles repeatedly for their help. What stood out the most was the honesty displayed by everyone involved.

“We approached a lady at the Goodwill store who had four children,” Jordan said. “She thanked us but refused to take our money because she had what she needed to afford a Christmas for her family and asked that we give the donation to someone who might not be so lucky. You don’t expect to find people that honest when you’re doing something like this, but when you do, it means a lot.”

The Eagles’ reach extended far beyond the individual donations presented. Common Ground received \$500 in clothing and toys for its free store, which stocks items to be given out free of charge to families in need. Nationwide Children’s Hospital received \$500 worth of toys from an area church with money donated by Delaware #376.

“We do a lot of things to benefit diabetes research, Ohio State University Medical Center and other higher-level causes,” Jordan said. “This was a chance to really roll up our sleeves and do something for Delaware County, to help the people in our community who need us the most.”

Their hard work helped strike a bond with The Delaware Gazette, opening a channel of communication to get the word out about future Eagles endeavors.

The Thursday after the final \$100 was presented, members were hard at work building their holiday fund for 2014.

“We got right back to work,” Jordan said. “As soon as the last donation went out, it was time to start all over again. We’ve got about \$800 already and I’m pretty sure with a full year, we’ll be able to end up with close to \$10,000.

News & Notes**2014 International Convention****Southwest Airlines Discounts**

Book your flight to Orlando today through Southwest, the preferred carrier for the 2014 International Convention, and receive a special discount just for being an Eagle! Visit swabiz.com and use the code 99535181 to receive 10% off business fare and 5% off getaway fare. Use this special Eagles code year-round for various discounts and preferred customer points.

Delta Airlines

To help alleviate some of the economic stress on our members, Delta Airlines is working with The Fraternal Order of Eagles to offer discounted flights to the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla. The Delta Airlines Discount Code for F.O.E. members is NMHJM. To book over the phone, call 1-800-221-1212 and give the discount code to the operator before confirming your flight. Please note that any flights booked via phone are subject to booking fees. When booking online, after putting in your cities and dates, find the link labeled “Meeting Event Code” and enter the code in the box when prompted to receive your discount. Discount percentages vary depending on the cost of your flight. Please direct all questions regarding the discount flight program to the Delta Support number listed above.

A Message From Grand Trustee Jerry Sullivan & Family

Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the cards, flowers, prayers and condolences you so graciously provided following the recent loss of our son, James. In times like these, we realize the true strength in our bond as members of The Fraternal Order of Eagles. You have once again shown us what it means to be “People Helping People.” Your faith and kindness during these trying times will never be forgotten.

Fraternally,

Jerry and Maxine Sullivan & Family

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Dual Membership

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Transfers

Transfers should not be added through batch entry! All transfers can be handled through the Membership Management System. Go to Local Membership > Transfers. If a member is transferring out of your club, select "Create Transfer Card", if the membership is transferring in to your club, select "Request Transfer Card. The system will walk you through the steps to finalize the transfer.

Membership Leads

The Grand Aerie Membership Department has a new feature on our website that allows those interested in becoming a member of the F.O.E. to complete a form. Once this form is submitted by a potential applicant, their contact and bio information will automatically be sent to the closest Aerie/Auxiliary Secretary via the Membership Management System. It will appear on the MMS Home Page as "1 Active Membership Lead". If you click on the link, it will take you to another screen that displays the potential applicant's information and it will allow you to keep track of the application process, from interview to initiation. More information on the program can be viewed in the MMS System by going to Help > Documentation > Membership Leads.

Those Who Serve

Under our "Those Who Serve" program all Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Honorably Discharged/Inactive Military (including inactive Military Police & Firefighters) will receive one (1) year complimentary membership with the F.O.E. There is no time requirement in regards to how long the individual has been Honorably Discharged. It can be for 40 years or 2 years.

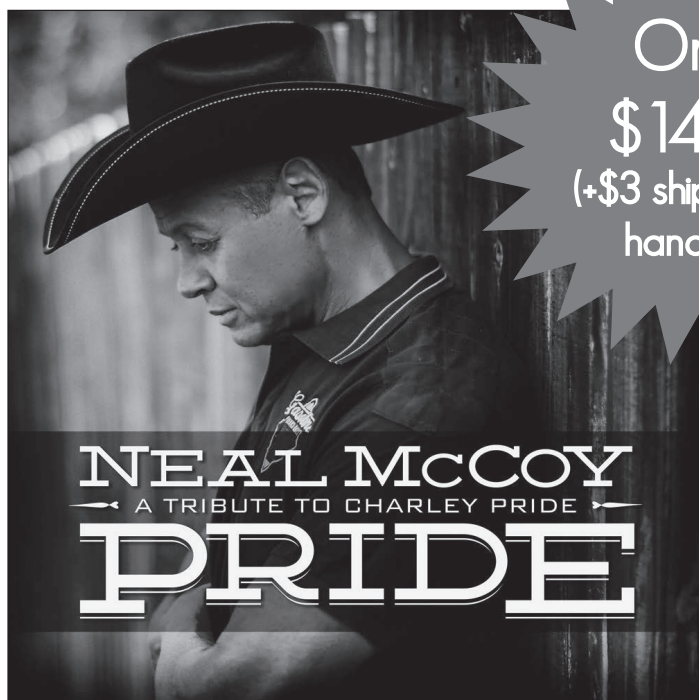
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